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conventicles in Nansemond County. It is ordered by this Court that they be proceeded against According to y^e laws of England and this country. Coll Bridger is Desired strictly to com'd the Justices of Nansemond Lower Norfolke & y^e Isle of Wight counties to make strict enquiry of y^e same, and if any persons shall be found to meete as aforesaid that y^{en} they be proceeded against as aforesaid.

JAMES II.'S DECLARATION OF INDULGENCE PROCLAIMED IN VIRGINIA.

At a Councill held att James Citty, October y^e 21st, 1687.
Present—

His Excellency,	Coll ^o . Richard Lee,
Nathaniel Bacon, Esq ^r .,	Coll ^o . John Lear,
Coll ^o . William Cole,	Coll. Christopher Wormely,
Ralph Wormely, Es ^q .,	Coll ^o . Isaack Allerton.

His Excellency was this day in Councill pleased to Acquaint the Councill That hee had received his Maj^{ties}. most Gracious Declaration for Liberty of Conscience, which he is pleased to order to bee published in James Citty on Tuesday next with the beate of Drum and the firing of y^e Great Gunns, and with all the Joyfulness that this Collony is capable to Express, and that it bee entered in the Councill Booke and published in every County in the Collony att their next Courts, and Recorded among the Records of every County.

Vera copia, Test:

W. EDWARDS, Cl. Con.

ALEXANDER FAMILY IN ENGLAND.

(Communicated by JUDGE B. R. WELLFORD, JR.)

John Alexander, the Stirps of the Virginia race, died 'there in 1677. The family traditions identify him with the fourth son of William Alexander, the poet, and first Earl Sterling named in the following extract from a very rare book entitled, "The Peerage of Scotland, A Genealogical and Historical Account of all the Peers of that Ancient Kingdom, Their Descents,